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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and the accompanying fee are submitted with this response. If the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency and/or credit any refund owed to Deposit Account No. 04-0100.